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In Brief

Petersen to retire

After 25 years, Art Petersen, Juneau English, has announced his retirement effective May 15. "I'll be around at 49 percent," he said. Petersen started at UAS in 1975. Petersen said he was retiring to have time to work on historical projects and attend to personal matters. Petersen's will continue coordinating writing assessment for MAT and Credential program students, teaching portfolio writing projects by distance delivery, working with distance AA and BLA program students, and assisting Provost Robbie Stell with various projects.

Williams gift

The UAS Student Activity Center will be improved because of a gift to the university from Williams Alaska Petroleum, Inc. Vice President of External Affairs Jeff Cook presented a \$10,000 check to UAS Chancellor John Pugh.

UAS student government matched the donation with a contribution of \$10,000. The combined gifts will be used to pay for purchase and installation of a lighting and sound system to improve the performance area of the new Student Activity Center.

UAS Chancellor John Pugh said, "We have made a significant effort this year to create a much needed activity center for our students. These two important gifts, from private industry and from student government, will advance our efforts to complete the interior of the facility. Through the educational support of business leaders such as Williams Alaska Petroleum, and students who are willing to invest in their campus, UAS continues to grow and excel."

Whalesong hiring

The Editor, Production Manager, and Advertising Manager positions are all open for 2000-2001 Academic year. For more information call 465-6473.

Important Dates

- 5/3 Free Massages 1-4 p.m., Mourant Cafe.
- 5/4 Free Massages, 9 a.m.-Noon., Mourant Cafe.
- 5/5 Rain Light Jazz Dance 8-10 p.m., SAC.
- 5/5 Bookstore Book Buy Back Last Day.
- 5/7 Graduation Commencement, 2 p.m., Centennial Hall.
- 5/7 Graduation Dance, 6 p.m., Baranof Hotel.
- 5/8 Whalesong "Kegger," time and location TBA.

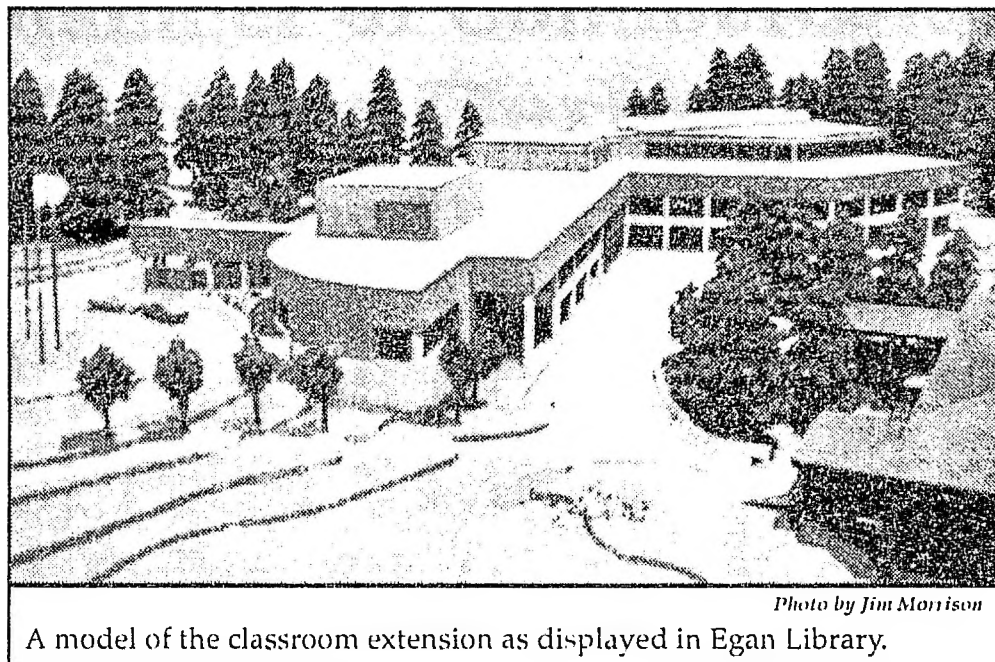
University gets \$5.5 million Grant passed for library classroom expansion

By Chris Flannagan
Whalesong Reporter

The campus will be going through some changes soon. Clearing the Senate on Tuesday, and the House of Representatives on Wednesday, House Bill 281 grants the University of Alaska Southeast \$5.5 million to build a new wing onto Egan Library; in addition to the \$5.5 million, HB 281 also sends over \$1.4 million worth of repair, and renovation for current facilities. Some of the needed repair is earmarked the Anderson building down on the bay.

All week legislators from both sides of the aisle have been wrestling through a series of closed-door meetings and heated, secret caucuses where senators and representatives took each other to task to get this new Egan wing passed through their houses before their scheduled adjournment, only days away.

It was a hard-fought political battle getting this done. The Senate and House have been trying to get a bill like this through the legislature for more than ten years now, but that has been difficult through a very political, cut-throat era. The bill is an example of some particularly creative leadership. The legislature, unable to find any single source of funding for such sweeping improvement resolved the measure through hard-ball negotiations, and



A model of the classroom extension as displayed in Egan Library.

enlightened compromises to get this through both houses, with the blessing of both parties.

Chancellor John Pugh has been on top of things downtown. He has been watching the debate in the legislature very closely in the last month. Chancellor Pugh said, "This is very exciting for UAS. It's been almost a decade since we've had any new buildings in the campus core...the buildings on the lake are all temporary buildings put here almost 20 years ago...I think this shows UAS is growing...and we should continue to grow in size and quality."

The HB 281 funding scheme will be a 'mix-and-match' proposal, offered at one point in deliberations as an 'olive branch' resolution from the House of Representatives. The funding scheme will be comprised of a combination of the state's share of the Philip Morris Tobacco settlement to be paid to Alaska, funds that

may reach 650 million dollars, added to Alaska Housing Finance Corporation bonds, augmented by municipal bonds.

The new addition will be on high ground, with a view toward the Auke Lake, and the coast mountains beyond. There will be a large, completely tiled foyer, with a high glass ceiling open to the sun - actually an atrium lobby facing the lake. From that entrance the wing will extend from the main entrance of Egan Library,

out in the direction of the large parking lots. The new addition would comprise at least 16 new classrooms overlooking the campus and the lake beyond. In addition, there would be one exceptionally large multipurpose amphitheater-like space built into the wing.

That space will hold between 150 and 200 people; that larger space would ostensibly take the 'academic' load off of the Student Activities Center. SAC Director Dave Klienpeter said, "...there are no large venues for lectures here...we've had lectures come in, and we just weren't able to accommodate them and had to turn them away." The original plans for Egan Library included this wing of classrooms, but the wing was excluded as a cost cutting measure, leaving Egan Library with an uncomfortably oversized air conditioning/heating system originally designed for a

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Student election record turnout Anderson new Student Body President

By Marla J. Booth
Whalesong Reporter

The almost elected UAS Student Body President is "Someone who attends class." "Anybody Else" beat out Mickey Mouse in the running for Vice-President and Spike the Whale might be senator protempore. The other possibly elected senators are Howdy Doody, Daffy Duck, Frank Zappa, Harvey Wallbanger, Iggy Popp and Mary Tyler Moore. It was a close race for Mike Tyson and PeeWee Herman, but they will have to try again next year. Stumpy Jones, Stumpy Morgan and Stumpy Smith were chosen as student ambassadors. This is how things might look if the "fun and silly" write-in choices actually got anywhere.

In reality, this spring's Senate elections were a great success and according to Tish Griffin, student government advisor, "This was the largest voter turnout that I've seen since I got here in 1984." Compared to the special elections in February, the turnout almost doubled from a scant 110 to an explosive 207 out of 1,834 students so the



Kathryn Currit, Tia Anderson, and Amber Timothy, Shannon Kempton (not pictured) leaders for the new

democratic process on campus has at least improved.

Tia Anderson, President elect, won with 94 votes, beating out both Susan Bryson (64 votes) and Rob Carruth (36 votes).

"My goal as your new Student Body President for the upcoming academic year is to promote a good reputation of the

Student Government to students and a good reputation of the University to the Community," Anderson said, "to do this, I need everybody's support. Some exciting things happening over the summer are the renovation of the Student Lounge and the development of a brochure of Leadership Opportunities for students to inform and encourage involvement in Student Government, Clubs, Activities, and our Ambassador Program."

Two of Anderson's other main goals for the fall are to develop a "Peer Mentor Program" and a "Student Government Web Page." Anderson has several new ideas that she will be knocking about over the summer, including recycling stations, a compost site, sexual harassment training and a mediation center for arising conflict situations. She concedes that all her ideas for projects may not be "feasible within a one-year time period," but with the help of UAS students the most beneficial propositions can be possible.

As for the other available positions, see ELECTION page 6

Thanks for the memories

By Eric Morrison
Editor-in-chief

The Whalesong staff would like to thank the continuous support from the most generous following: Kirk McAllister, for his time, generosity and strength in holding the team together. John Pugh, for the unlimited support, and watching over us, making sure we didn't get censored. Mark Hamilton, for his contribution and support of the Whalesong, and for making the UA system a better learning environment for all. Scott Foster for his generosity, time and support. Tish Griffin, Roxy and Iris, for putting up with all of our schenanigans, thank you so much. Bruce Gifford, Kean Nutall, Tia Anderson, Suzan Bryson, and the whole Student Government, for trying to make this a better school. The Alaskan Government, for letting us taste our piece of the pie. To all the students who enjoyed something we have done, and to all those who may someday soon. To the entire faculty, staff and administration for working so hard for the students and being the engine that will help power the state's economy; don't give up we can all make a difference. And finally, to the future Whalesong staff; write from the heart, live from the soul, and dream from the pen.



Rob's New Bitch

By The Querulous
Rob Carruth

Recycling on campus is still inadequate! I have been bitching and moaning about the lack of recycling here at UAS, but nobody seems to give a hoot. I have been talking with students about being more involved. I even formed a recycling club that still has not received any club money to start a recycling program.

I have talked to Tish Griffin, the person in charge of the distribution of club money. After I gave her the club budget, and asked if we could have the money and get started. Her answer was no. I was told the recycling bins that our club wanted to buy were too primitive, and not pretty enough.

She suggested we buy nicer recycle bins, ones that cost about \$600 each. The recycle bins that the club was going to buy were very basic, Rubbermaid trash cans with lids and wheels on them for easy disposal. In the end, our club received no money, because we couldn't afford the right kind of bins. We get nothing.

I tried to get student government to help with the cost. As we all know student government doesn't like me too much, so nothing got done. I asked if they could write in a proposal to help make recycling on campus more efficient. At first I got, "sure, no problem, sounds like a great idea." At the next meeting there was no such proposal or talk about recycling on campus. I thought maybe, just maybe they would have gotten to

it on this last student government meeting, but no. I was told that the student government was tapped out, no more money for anything. I went a step further and talked to Chancellor John Pugh. He told me he felt that recycling on campus was important and told me that he would work on it.

Well, it is the end of the semester and still recycling on campus is inadequate. Why? Is it because none of our student government members care? Or is it that not enough students care? Or is it that the administration is too busy trying to figure out who should pay for these recycle bins? Bins that must be made out of marble and have fancy writing at a cost of \$600 each?

A concerned UAS Student, Chris Carrier said, "Since we already pay for all the trash collecting and disposal on campus the cost of having adequate recycling bins shouldn't be an issue." Basically he is saying that UAS should already be taking care of recycling on campus and the cost of bins should be taken out of the administrations budget.

For those students that plan on staying here at UAS for a while or graduating here for that matter: Think about what kind of person this school will mold you into. What kind of role models is UAS offering to students? Shouldn't UAS be reducing and recycling? How come the cafeteria sells fountain drinks and salads on one-time use dishes? Come on, can't they use real glasses and real plates? What if all these dishes create a dishwashing job for another student, so what.

If this school is going to sell glass bottles and aluminum cans, I shouldn't they also have

a proper disposal plan, recycling? What kind of people are we becoming? College students are the next leaders of our future, shouldn't our leaders be educated in more than just English, math, and history? Along with the curriculum students should learn how to be up-standing citizens. Our next leaders should have the knowledge that we must be environmental friendly to survive. Universities should be setting an example. UAS should be molding students into more than just state workers. UAS is inadequate in several departments, but recycling shouldn't be one of them. It is just too easy to fix. Buy some bins, make students aware, and come up with an efficient disposal program. Elementary schools do it all over the world so, you would think a university could figure it out. Or is there only paper pushers, bullshitters, and data entry administration workers here at UAS?

So you tell me, why is recycling on campus still inadequate? Do students here at UAS not care? Have we all been molded into puppets that let the student government and administration pull our strings? The student government and the administration will have you believe that they do care for the students, but they only care about some students and your money. That's why they haven't taken one step in trying to make recycling on campus adequate.

Ferry problem solved

By Sean C. McDermott
UAS Student

The year 2000 has so far been a mediocre, maybe even bad, year for the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS). The Malaspina spent the winter laid up, the Taku got a crack in her hull, and the Kennicott burned two to three times as much fuel as the Malaspina would have this past winter despite rising fuel costs. I hope the politicians and other state officials learned something from this mess, which resulted in schedule changes and made our printed ferry schedules practically worthless. As the state continues to abuse the ferry system, things will get worse instead of better if something doesn't change. Winter service provides only two mainline ferries and a cabin-less Winter Panhandle ferry, but summer service is generally good.

Officials claim that the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan will fix the ferry system's woes, but not all change is good. Many of the plan's elements are decent, but several others are quite misguided. There are ways we can improve our ferry system. First, let's take a look at the oldest (and best) ship in the fleet, the Malaspina. She will be 40 years old in 2003. While that's pretty old, she is still in very good condition. Recently she was refurbished and she looks pretty nice (I could recommend a few enhancements, though.) Compared to other vessels, the Malaspina travels pretty fast (17-22 knots) and uses far less fuel than the Kennicott, which can barely go 16 knots. I would STRONGLY recommend upgrading her to meet international requirements and operate her in both mainline and Lynn Canal service-year round- at least until 2043, possibly until 2063 (she'd be 100 then!).

As for Captain Bob Doll's argument that the Malaspina costs too much to operate during the winter-no, the Kennicott costs too much to operate during the winter and she burns almost three times as much fuel as the Malaspina and requires 50 percent more crew. Let's use the Kennicott as legislative housing during the winter and run the Malaspina from Ketchikan to Skagway.

In addition, we should consider using the Taku to supplement the LeConte during the summer, keeping the Columbia in service, and adding a fast ferry to the Ketchikan-Prince Rupert corridor.

Finally, let's stop the politics surrounding the system. The politicians probably never will sell the Malaspina, why even bother trying anymore? But if nothing is done about the AMHS, we will end up suffering for it. It's time to clean the baloney out of the galley and throw it overboard!

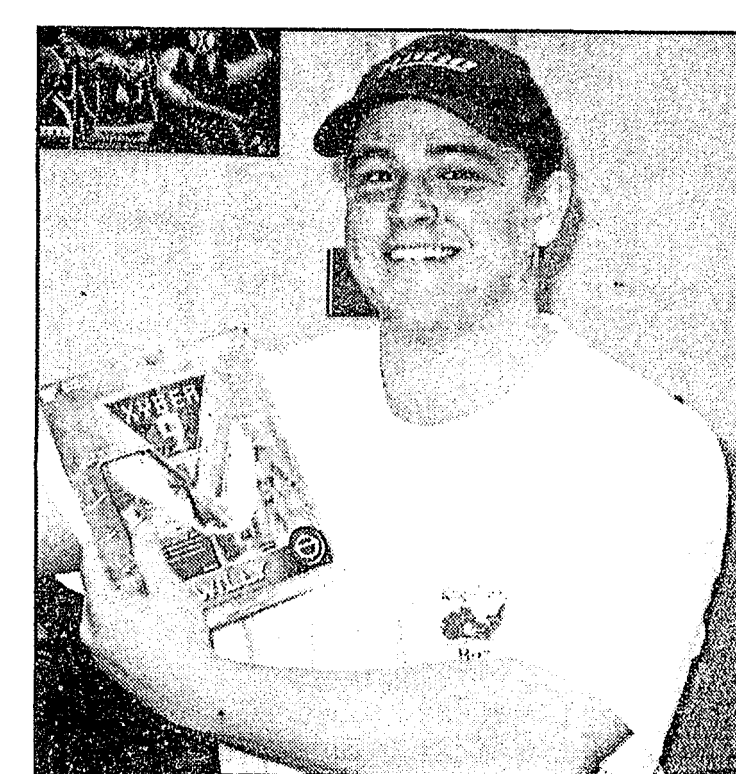
Whalesongers award themselves Editor self-proclaimed "UAS Editor of the Millennium"



Whalesong Advertising Manager Rob Roy McNamara took home the "Computer Master Award," for his continuous battle with the "Phantom of the Whalesong." What a brilliant solicitor and ad creator, bravo!



After miraculously putting up with two simultaneous semesters with Wilson and Eric, Advisor Kirk McAllister is the recipient of the "Golden Apple Award." Kirk truly is one in a million, we only hope that this experience didn't bring him too many gray hairs.



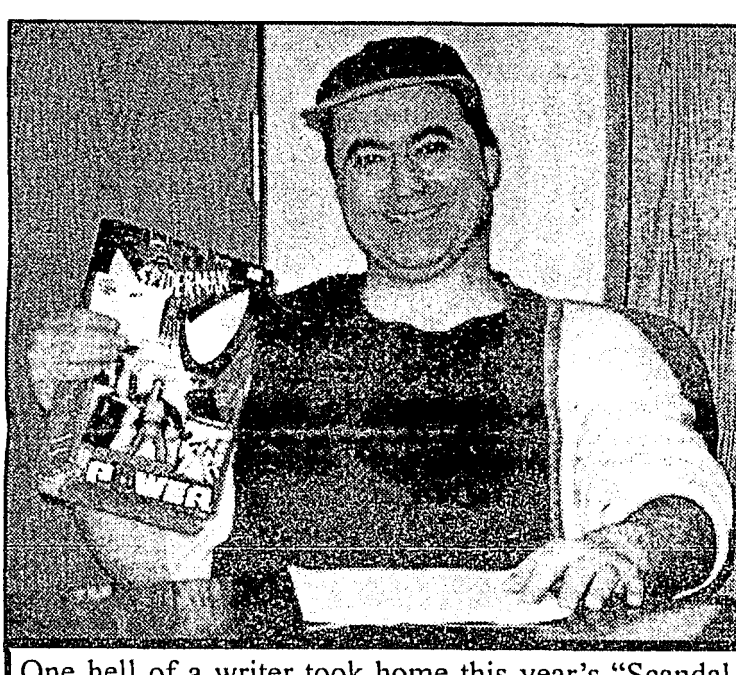
"The Big Willy Style Award" could not be given to any other than Big Willy himself, Production Manager Wilson Walz. Why you might ask? Because he's big, he's Willy, and does he ever have style. Show me the "Dove Suit."



Newcomer to the Whalesong staff Jer Barrow is a vital member of the team even though he is yet to be featured in the paper. Barrow spent many bored days in the Whalesong office researching websites and playing with the vast assortment of Whalesong balls. He was a major asset to the Whalesong as he took home the "2000 Karaoke Pen Award." Barrow spent many drunken hours at various karaoke bars with the staff.



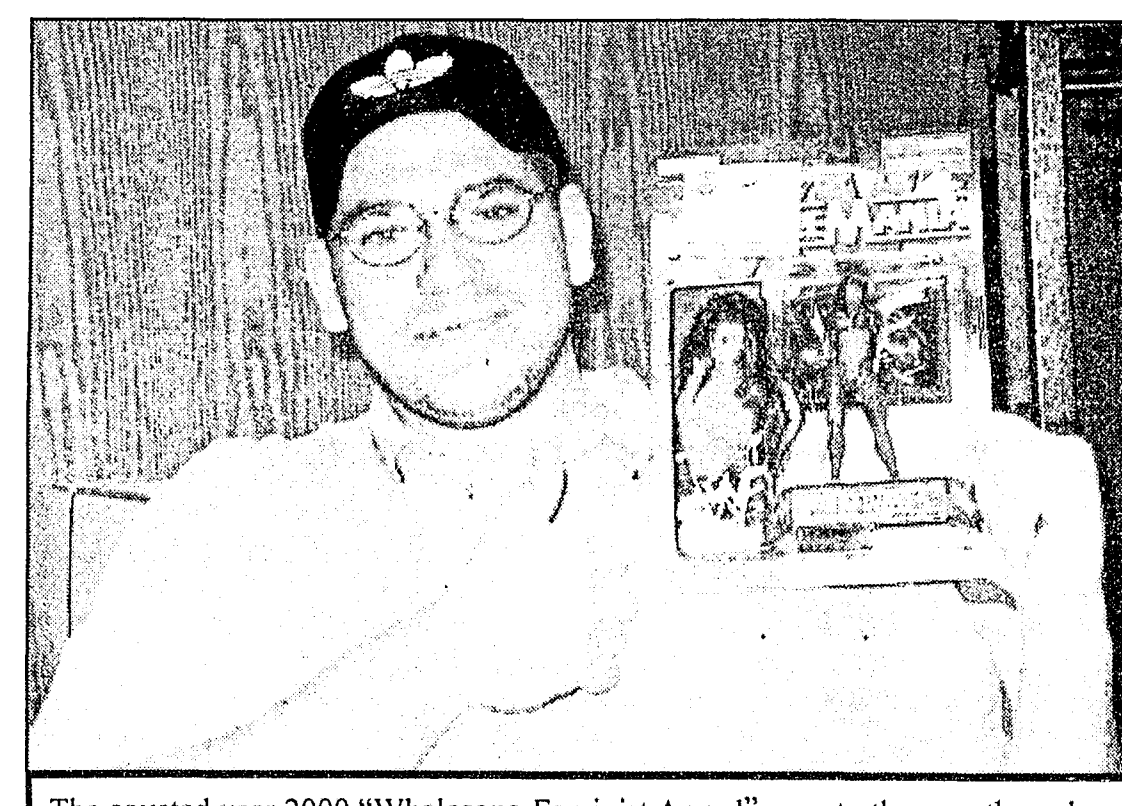
This year's "Police Evading Award" goes to the infamous Marla Booth, who nearly got the Editor in Chief arrested one drunken night with an open container of wine. To this point she has been the flawless reporter, but it is time to expose the person she is, a Whalesong friend and reporter.



One hell of a writer took home this year's "Scandal Sense Award." Chris Flanagan is the most persistent writer at UAS, period. He had to be peeled away from the computer screen just to get the stories that needed to be printed. He spends most of his days sleeping, and most nights nonstop writing, a perfect Whalesong protégé. He was the only writer that had to be "censored" because he wanted to catch someone slippin'.



The Whalesong year 2000 "Big Ball Award" goes to Tyler Bishop for continuously writing the horoscopes and Dr Love columns, even after numerous death threats were received by the Whalesong postal service. After successfully avoiding the limelight of such criticism and hate, he laughs as he goes down in UAS history as Dr. Love, making people believe he is the infamous "Big Daddy Luv." Jokes on you!



The coveted year 2000 "Whalesong Feminist Award" goes to the one, the only, Rob Carruth. After so much community outpouring and support, he was the unanimous decision for this award. After such classic articles as "Cucumbers entice students" and "Rob's Bitch," no other even had a chance of contending with "Big Daddy Luv." We will all miss this journalistic master at work as he recedes into the siren call of artist. UAS may not be a better place with him as Student Body President, but it will probably be safer.

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OPINIONS

I love you so much I built you this cage.

By Chris Flanagan
Whalesong Reporter

What happened to family values? The reasons Elian Gonzalez was retrieved in a recent nighttime raid on the Marisleysis, and father Lazaro Gonzalezs' house in the Little Havana section of Miami were logical, and understandable. At night the crowds went home to their WWF and MTV. Encouraged by the clique of strangers holding Elian, the crowds around the house exploded during the day into something resembling a fascist-Woodstock festival.

Dayli right outside the boy Elian's room, the dummy bodies of Castro, and Reno were burned in effigy, their heads torn off, and bodies dismembered; Nice environment.

Members of the crowd were telling anyone who would listen, that they would block the house by violence if necessary. Marisleysis Gonzalez, the woman holding Elian in Miami told one reporter, "If the Government thinks all we'll greet them with are camera's, they are mistaken!" While Marisleysis' Father, Lazaro told another reporter, "If they want this child, they will have to take him by force!"

This embarrassing, circus-like-spectacle in Miami is becoming clearer after recent government action to stabilize the situation. Before and after the raid, the Government had sent in objective psychiatrists and child-psychologists to assess the child and the clique of distant relatives and strangers holding him.

The bottom line is, Marisleysis, a distant relative of Elian, who has been appearing over and over again, in the throws of made-for-television breakdowns, dispensing pseudo-certain political manifestos, and Judas-kiss-tantrums, was finally found out, and it

took too long. America was owed the truth much sooner. The objective psychiatrists and child psychologists brought in to establish some order to the tragic situation found Marisleysis Gonzalez to be an unbalanced and divisive influence on the child Elian. They reported that, from their interviews Elian didn't view Marisleysis in the light of a 'mother' archetype at all. Their report said the relationship...is something more along the lines of 'schoolboy's crush; the object of desire being - the sad, and outraged Marisleysis'. With this news comes the realization that we are creepy, and blindly walking into Mary K. LaTourneau territory here.

"Elian's state of mind isn't strange or abnormal at all," the report stated. For Elian's part, he has reacted to changing events much like any child his age might. The same cannot be said for Marisleysis Gonzalez. The report states flatly that the relationship definitely was 'not' a proper parent/child, or mother/son relationship.

The story gets even deeper as it has reflected upon the now famous stranger, whom the Juneau Empire and the Anchorage Daily called "The fisherman" or, 'the adoptive uncle'. This man is credited with fishing the boy out of the sea. It was found recently -when someone finally decided to ask- that the man had no relationship with Elian, that he was NOT the boy's uncle, and nor was he ever a fisherman. It's now reported the man was coincidentally out fishing that day. Released in the last few days, is the information that he had in fact never been a fisherman in his life and that a friend had taken him fishing and his host had asked him to take the wheel for a moment. He was at the wheel of the friend's fishing boat when the boat came upon Elian. He was in fact employed as a hotel maid; he had no money or home of his own, no future and a drinking problem to

Anchorage Daily, and the Juneau Empire spread the poison; a particularly unethical brand of hate-candy, and demagoguery with headlines like, "ELIAN SNATCHED AT GUNPOINT...Miami seethes."

The GOP, desperately trying to make political-hay out of this tragedy, decided to follow the specious logic that a 6 year old child is the master of all he sees, that a 6 yr. old child can make the decisions of where-when-how-and by whom he can be raised. Meanwhile the GOP maintains that an 18-year-old American woman, with natural and full citizenship, cannot do the same for herself. The GOP platform states that the courts and government should keep their noses out of the parent's sphere of responsibility. But, we are given to conclude, that sometimes 6-year-olds are entirely competent to decide their fates complete. The platform also speaks forcefully about keeping immigration closed; we just have to conclude a cute Cuban boy is an exception, or a sweet photo op: (Haitians, and Mexicans-your out!)

Burning an American flag is out, but turning over cars, starting riots, and burning anything not tied down, is legitimate form of expression. Are we to deduce that it's alright to use excessive force on an innocent immigrant just waving his wallet, hailing a cab, as long as it's in a Democratic precinct like inner New York City, But it's not in a Republican precinct such as Miami. As these facts trickled into Attorney General Janet Reno, the situation began to appear to be political and macabre, tragically so...immediate action was indeed advisable.

One aside thought; Had it been Elian's Father who drowned, leaving the mother in Cuba waiting, hoping to hold her son again, would we be having this argument? If Cuba

had decided to keep John Q. Public, and refuse to send him home to his folks in America -surrounding him with puppy dogs, and Nintendo...how would we have reacted? With as much restraint as Cuba has, I would hope.

When someone did decide to check, we found out that Elian had in fact lived with his Father when home in Cuba. Either way, as you might imagine, the rats are dissenting this sinking crusade at a VERY HIGH RATE OF SPEED. The crowds are shrinking daily. Individuals come to us now on the nightly news saying, "I always knew she was..."

Home...the word means something to all of us, especially to Elian And his Father. They found home when they found each other, wherever they were... wherever they are, wherever they end up, together.

Upon reflection, do you suppose this situation was manipulated since day one out of all contexts, beyond any honest standard of logic...by demagogues? Many thought so all along but did not speak; they didn't feel it advisable. The voices of the indignation, intolerance, and short sightedness, quickly drowned the calmer voices of reason. That's a little too common today, and thus a little scary; we have no balls or good newspapers.

Meanwhile, all through these 5 months of domestic insanity, the U.S. has been sending Haitian children home by the hundreds, Mexican children back by the truckload and Cubans back by the boatload. This creepy fiasco has been one ugly and macabre glimpse of American politics in the New Millennium. Viva Che!

Someday Elian's gonna look right into a camera and say, "LEAVE ME THE *!@#*%# ALONE! ! Wanna buy a coconut?"

Wrong Approach to Gender Equality

By Jer Barrow
Whalesong Reporter

Inequality between men and women has captivated the attention of many across the world and I doubt if there is a citizen of America who hasn't heard of the women's movement. You might remember the cigarette campaign "You've Come a Long Way Baby" or the popular slogan, "Stop the Violence Against Women". Yes, women have made a statement and have taken good steps toward equal treatment and there is still room for improvement. However, I feel that in recent years a negative approach has been taken and everyone is being affected. Men have been stereotyped as jerks and some women have been so caught up in achieving equality that they have taken actions that are unhealthy for even themselves. Sexes are being divided, thus rifts are being put between families.

Rather than correcting the idea that women are less than men, the new concept that men are pigs has been introduced. Today our society is geared towards an anti-male ideology disguised as women's issues. Frankly I am sick of hearing about how "guys are pigs." I don't like to see women treated unfairly. But is it fair to assume that because I am a male I must be conceited and chauvinistic?

In their attempt to depict men as pigs the sacrifices of some husbands and some fathers seem to have gone totally ignored. There are some awful fathers out there granted. My paternal father was an alcoholic who was abusive to my family, unfaithful to my mother and held a job for not more than two weeks at a time. He was responsible to take care of my family and I but he had betrayed us by pursuing his own selfish pleasures. However my mother remarried when I was about 12 years old. My stepfather has been there for me since, and he has treated my family with love and respect, as a real man should. Some men are completely devoted to their family and care about nothing more, and that is a fact. I feel it has been forgotten that any normal man would feel outraged if his wife, daughters, or granddaughters were

treated inappropriately.

Due to this widespread frame of mind, without notice, the family structure itself has been affected. Because of the division of the sexes, the family has been divided and made victims of all involved. In other words, an attack on fathers is an attack on families. Father figures like Homer Simpson, "Married with Children's" Al Bundy, and the father off of "Unhappily Ever After's" Jack, all of which are mindless, irresponsible drunks, the media has even bought into derogatory view of men portraying these men as being average family men. While wives' are telling fathers' that they are pigs, children are learning to have less respect for the father and authority.

While husbands and wives are arguing over who is the "head of the household," children are learning to have less respect for their mother and father. In the 60's and 70's the women's movement said that they don't need a father to raise kids. Now 70% of inmates are from single parent families. The separation of families is leading children into confusion. Is this healthy? Is it still about equality? I think that some women have gotten so caught up in the unfit actions of some men that normality has been forgotten.

Some attitudes of the feminist movement have led to unhealthy behaviors. Advertisers were the ones that created the slogan, "You've come a long way baby", but women were the ones who bought into the thinking that smoking was a form of liberation. Now we can boast that more women are now dying from smoking related cancers than men. What good came of women smoking? This is an example showing that we have lost sight of what is important, women don't need to smoke to be equal to men. What is next? Are women going to promote promiscuity because immoral men across America engage in this lifestyle and have labeled it as an admirable thing?

Another misconception spread by some feminists is that pursuing a career is the only acceptable way a woman should live and built it up to look like the answer to solve inequality. Women use to outlive men by 7 years, but now that more women are pursuing careers they outlive men by 4 years. I'm sure that gap will continue to close in years to come. Pursuing

and maintaining a career means deadlines, pressures and stress. While pursuing a career can be rewarding it's not the great revolutionary concept it was made out to be for some women.

The concept of being a housewife should not be taken with a derogative connotation, but rather as an opportunity. Ugh! What did I just say? House wife? That almost sounds like a swear word. I saw a bumper sticker recently that read, "A woman's place is any where but home". Is it wrong to be a housewife in today's society? Why is it that women have this aversion to being a housewife? Sure they do deserve every opportunity to pursue a career, but sociology has shown that there is a point in a woman's life when she naturally wants to have a family. (Not that she has to, because some women don't.). Families suffer when a mother is distant. No one loves or nurtures their children more than their mother. While the idea of mothers confined to home and the households to manage the family was looked at as a negative experience, no importance was given to the family.

Liberation is freedom from oppression. For women to be liberated men don't have to be stereotyped as "male chauvinist pigs". Women don't have to drop to the lows that some men do. Rather than dividing sexes shouldn't we come together? Being a housewife should not be looked at as being tied to the house, but the opportunity to be with and raise your family (Not that it should be looked at as just the woman's responsibility either). The women's movement is supposed to be a positive step and it can be. Let's move forward with the women's movement toward equality in a positive way. Women deserve to be paid the same salary as men if they are doing the same work. Women deserve the opportunity to run for president. Women deserve to be treated with respect. However negativity breeds negativity. If this negative approach doesn't change direction I don't believe that women will achieve equality and this way of life will continue to hurt more men, women, and children.

Graduation is here!

CONGRATULATIONS to UAS Graduating Students!

Contributed by Lori Exferd and Marla Booth

At the University of Alaska Southeast Graduation Ceremony thisweek, 230 graduates will be honored including 60 with associate's degrees, 93 with bachelor's degrees and 64 with master's degrees, plus 13 certificates will be awarded. The ceremony will be Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at Centennial Hall. There will be a reception for graduates and their families at the Baranof hotel following the event. Because UAS has only one ceremony in the spring of each year, this list includes those who completed their requirements last summer as well as those who will complete their requirements this summer and fall.

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Final confessions of a city girl

By Lola Savatgy
UAS Student Contributor

I have put my feet in glacier water till I could not feel my toes. I have hiked and climbed and been covered in dirt. Thanks to Brian Holder I shot a bow and arrow and hit a ram right between the eyes (fake ram of course). Am I an Alaskan yet? I have not worn a business suit, or had a crazy shopping spree at Nordstrom's for over 6 months. I own a Nalgene bottle and can successfully use words like "switch back trail," "belay-device," and "traverse." My bedroom windows are covered in tinfoil, and I don't use an umbrella in the rain anymore. Does any of that count. So I have not received my first PFD check, and I still don't know what's at the end of the road past the ferry terminal (and YES Venetia I still lock my car). I can climb an artificial rock wall, and I have had bad falls on an icy trail... am I even close? It has come to my attention that while my Chihuahua was a great accessory with a Ralph Lauren Suit and Ferragamo pumps as I walked down Market Street in San Francisco, she is definitely not an Alaskan dog. I know the names of a couple mountains (Wrather and Thunder) and I have a trail map of the best Juneau trails (and I went off one anyway!) I feel like an Alaskan. In fact most moments in my day I feel like I have lived here for a very long time. I heard an eagle flying... yes they make a neat sound (whoosh whoosh), and chased ravens away from my garbage cans. Ok, so I still drool over the scenery here, and I'm in awe of the glacier like a goofy tourist, but shouldn't all Alaskans be. I mean I have met more than one "resident" who says that they have come to take for granted the beauty around them. Stop and smell the clean

air every now and then, it will do you some good.

To get downtown I don't have to pay toll, cross any bridges or go through any tunnels, and I am finally at peace with the claustrophobic fact that the only way out of this place is by boat or by plane. I have accepted the fact that there is no Victoria Secret or Bath and Body Works stores here, but people smile at me as I walk down the street, and I can talk to people on campus I don't know without fear of being mugged. I have started referring to my last place of

residency as a state in the lower 48, and have started referring to Juneau as my "home." Am I an Alaskan now? I own more pairs of boots than pairs of pumps (finally), even though I still need a good pair of hiking boots! I have come to the conclusion that is impossible to keep my Land Rover clean, and I have seen the northern lights (more than once). I carry climbing gear in car... just in case I have the urge. I have been to the Alaskan and the Folk Festival, and I watched people jump into Auke Bay...lets face it real Alaskans know better than to jump into that icy water... right??? I prefer a good hike to a lazy day in front of the TV, and my husband doesn't even recognize me anymore... how's that for change!

I admit to still having a little problem with driving in snow, and the rain can get to be a little much, but I don't wait for it to stop before having an adventure... can I call myself an Alaskan now?

Maybe it is the way this school opened its arms to me. Maybe it's the people here that have made me feel like this is my home. Maybe I needed to get away from the smog, and the traffic and the confining walls of an office to appreciate my own life. Maybe the clear air here has cleared my head. Maybe the rain is washing away some of my needless worries over silly things like what I need to accomplish by a certain age, and my need for security in this insecure world. Alaska makes me feel freer, safer, calmer... I know, NOW I have turned into a granola... (I still have no taste for that stuff yet though). Just think about it the next time there is sunshine, or the next time you need to relax a little. Take a walk out to the Mendenhall Glacier, or look out your window if you have a good view... this is Alaska, the last frontier. Its beauty is everywhere, can't you see why I want so bad to be an Alaskan.



The granola girl: La-La-La-Lola (Savatgy)

Photo by Jeremiah Barrow

ELECTION...

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Vice-President elect is Amber Timothy, whose votes tallied in at 98, defeating Josh Reyes who tallied in with 86 votes. It was a close race; both were obviously strong contenders. Kathryn Currit, Student Body Senator, received 123 votes and will be keeping her senator position for the following school year. While she was clearly a 'shoe in' she was happy for the support and said, "thanks to everyone that voted for me." Congratulations are also due to Shannon Kempton, UAS student, since she acquired the necessary 20 plus votes to become a Senator on a write-in vote. Shannon is graduating cum laude and receiving her Associate of Arts degree this year.

For those interested, to be a senator one must be enrolled in at least three credit hours and maintain a 2.5 GPA. There will be another election in the fall for the remaining five senator seats. While some of the current senators will be running to maintain their positions, the opportunity is open to all students who meet the requirements. If anyone is interested in obtaining more information about senator requirements or past and future elections, please contact the Student Government office in the Mourant Building at 465-6517.

President

	(Votes)
Tia Anderson	94
Suzan Bryson	64
Rob Carruth	36

Vice President

Amber Timothy	98
Josh Reyes	86

Senator

Kathryn Currit	123
Write In	-
Shannon Kempton	23

The two Bobs retire

Whalesong Reporter

The Dynamic Duo calls it quits. Bob Green, physical plant director and Bob Etheridge physical plant manager are both retiring at the end of this semester. If you aren't familiar with what the Physical Plant does, they maintain and, when needed, even remodel our campus. Both have worked for UAS for over 20 years. I sat down and chatted with the veteran UAS employees.

Jer: Exactly how long have you both been working here?

Green: I have worked for UAS since August 1 1975.

Etheridge: I started for the university in 1977

Jer: How do you feel about leaving after all these years?

Green: I have some mixed feelings about leaving. I am going to enjoy being retired, but I am also going to miss all of the excitement and the challenges that this job presents and more so the people. The university has been blessed with a lot of really good dedicated people. Another thing I will miss is what is going on in the future. I love being involved in the growth of this school.

Etheridge: I'm saddened. This job has been a big part of my life for over 20 years. I am going to miss the students and everyone that works here. I can't say enough about the Physical Plant crew. The faculty and staff have been a pleasure to work with as well.

Jer: I know that you guys put in a lot of hours here. How do you plan to spend your extra time?

Green: I'm going on vacation first off and I want to spend more time with my family. I might take some classes. I'm interested in learning Spanish and diesel mechanics.

Etheridge: I'd like to take some classes too. Maybe I'll run for student body president. Ha Ha! There is a lot to do in Juneau. I plan on doing some fishing this summer.

Jer: What is a memory that sticks out in your mind through the years?

Green: I like opening new facilities, so my favorite memories are of when we moved in to the library and housing. It's been great to see this campus grow and improve over the years.

Etheridge: There are so many good memories it's hard to just pick out one. The saddest was when we lost Jerome Edwards, Physical Plant custodian and more recently carpenter Robert Erbeck. We will never forget them.

Jer: Is there anything you want to say to the students, faculty, or staff?

Green: Yes. I want to thank Physical Plant staff for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank the other staff and faculty for their patience and cooperation. Things don't always work out as planned, but everyone on campus has been a pleasure to work with. I'd also like to encourage as many students as possible to work for the Physical Plant so they can appreciate all the work that goes into this campus and making it look good.

Etheridge: I would like to thank all the people who have always been there, but haven't been thanked. There are a lot of unsung heroes here, the people that work behind the scenes you never see them but their all there doing their jobs. Also I really appreciate the hard work of the Physical Plant employees. It has been great working here and I sad to go.

I personally worked for the Physical Plant and have to say that they were two great guys to know and work for. I know that those who knew them will miss them and UAS will miss their dedicated services. On behalf of the students the Whalesong would like to say, "Thank you both and happy retirement."

Local artist releases CD MONEY...

By Marla J. Booth
Whalesong Reporter

Sarah C. Hanson was born in Nome. She moved to Juneau 26 years ago when she was very little. Sometime during the early stages of her life Hanson began to write songs, but as she grew up writing was moved to a back burner. In 1993, she began writing again but it was the next year, after she picked up a guitar and learned to play, that her writing outlet was suddenly exposed to a new way of expressing her personal feelings. She wrote her first song on the guitar in the key of 'G' and from that moment on she was inspired, or as she said, "Really, really inspired."

Hanson's first CD was recorded and released in Bellingham, Wash. in 1998. After living in Bellingham off and on between 1994 and 1998, she was able to collect and build upon her life's experiences. She attended Western Washington University and got an Expressive Art degree with psychology being her equivalent to a minor. She also worked as a Recreational Therapy Aid, which she was able to incorporate into her senior project. She wrote five songs for the elderly, two of which are on her new CD.

Friday, April 21, The Back Room, located downtown, hosted a CD release party for Hanson. She and her fellow musicians played to a packed house. Her latest CD is titled Breaking Strings and it fits because as Hanson noted before she sang the title song, "before I wrote this song I broke a string on my guitar." Hanson's wit and charming humor along with her gifted talent for music, both vocal and instrumental pleased a large group of people that night and they did not want it to end. After a few encores, Hanson politely and humbly put her foot down and asked people to "go home now."

Her style of music is a mix of soulful folk and modern blues. For those who missed the release party and would like to listen to and/or purchase the Breaking Strings CD it can be found at Capital Records at the



Look for this beautiful face when shopping for music.

Nugget Mall as well as Rainy Day Books and The Focal Point.

And then there was one

The story of the former heavy-weight champion of Southeast Alaska

By Wilson Walz
Whalesong PM

How can I equate boxing to my life? What is the call that makes a man step into the ring with an Aryan giant? Why get into the ring period? I hope to answer these questions through a tale of manhood.

It was a dark and rainy night. As I stepped into the ring with a 6'5" 240 pound colossus, I knew I was in for the fight of my life. I am not a small man, but Russ Stevens was in far better shape and has a definite genetic advantage. This was an almost impossible situation that I faced; I would have to be faster, smarter, and be better defensively. I was most worried about his power; they don't call him big guns for nothing. I also had to be aware of his significant reach advantage.

As I stepped into the ring I found that I was calm, almost too calm. The bell rang and we were off. I started fast, throwing two quick left jabs, landing neither. Russ threw a couple of jabs and missed as well. I came in with another left jab combo and threw a BIG right hook, which Russ absorbed in his gloves. His defense was strong and I was having difficulty getting close due to his reach advantage. His jabs were keeping me at bay so I had to make a change in my style. I went in with a left body jab and landed a gut shot and a light right hook to the ribs. No effect on Russ, but I was off balance and he caught me with a left and over hand right, ouch. This stunned me, knocking me into the ropes. The referee, being overcautious, got in between us and gave me a standing eight count. I went back to work with the jab and landed a head shot right before the first round bell rang.

The second round had to be different; he was killing me with his reach advantage, so I switched to southpaw. I hoped that my right jab could take away his left, and it did. Russ raised his eyebrows and gave me a look of confusion when his first two jabs were just absorbed by my right jab that I threw in defense. I didn't want him to have time to think of what he should do to counter my new approach, and I threw a couple of lead right jabs to get close then landed a left hook. I kept this offensive approach up and was successful for the rest of the round.

Done, the last round started and I switched back to

righty. I caught

Russ off guard again

and landed a couple

of jabs, to no avail.

The round moved

quickly and we both

landed a few shots.

I knew that in order

to beat him I would

have to knock him

out or at the least

hard and fast

throwing a barrage

of punches; his

defense was nearly

impenetrable. I

threw a double left

jab and came hard

with a BIG right

hook. I barely

missed the hook,

but in throwing it I

lost my balance and

this created an

opportunity for

Russ. He landed an

overhand left to my

right temple and

then a right hook to

my jaw. Thud. I hit

the ground and was

completely dazed and

confused. I tried

to stand and as I tried

I fell into the ropes.

The ref had

already started his

count and was

standing by the

ropes and was

counting to the

eight count. The

ref could see

that I was not

well enough

composed to go

on and he waved

the fight over.

I had lost a

third round

Technical

Knock

Out or TKO.

The smoky

room was like

thick fog, adding

to my view,

which was

already hazy

and unclear.

I felt like

I was in

another

world, like

I was

floating

through

the air

watching

the events

unfold

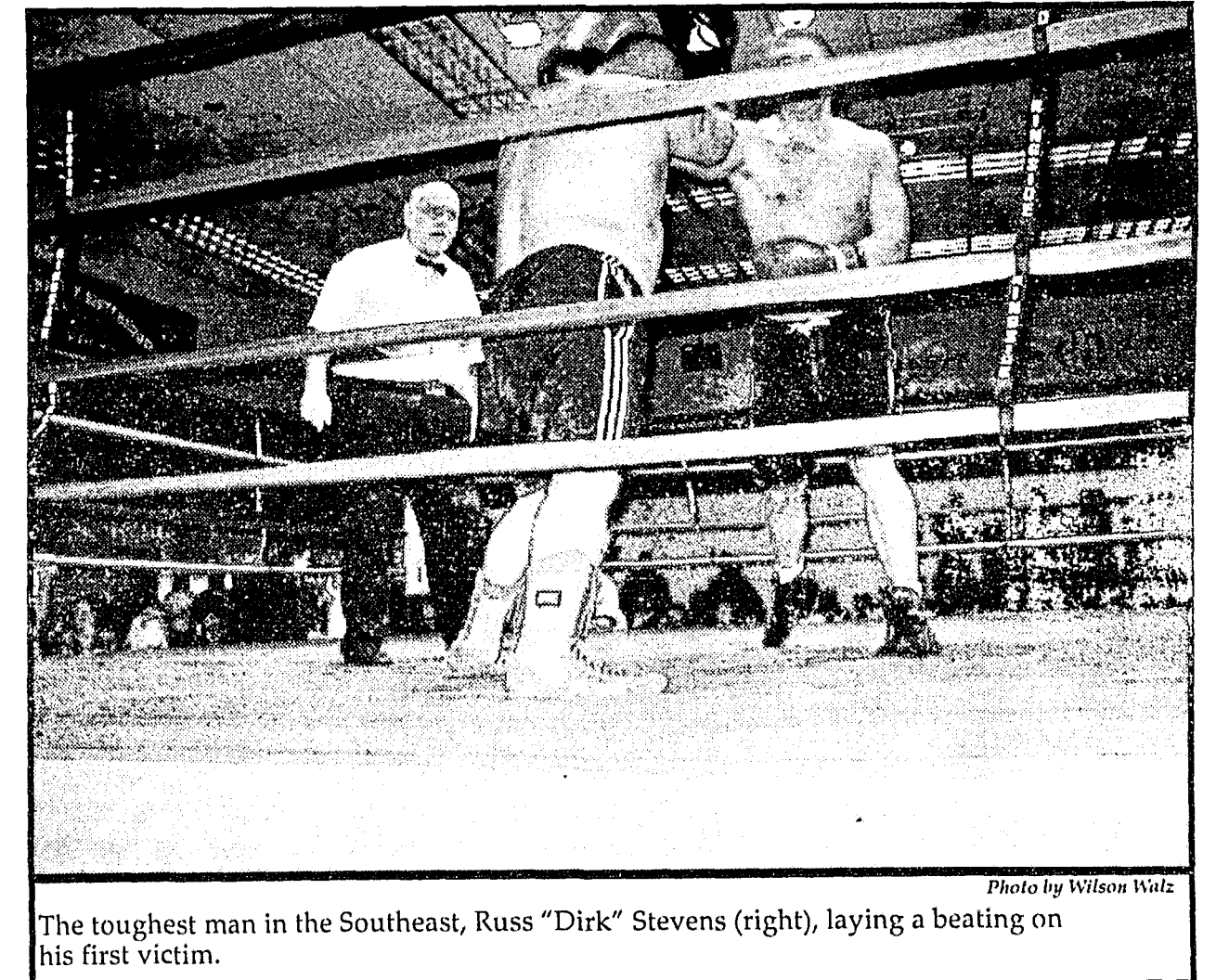
from

someone

else's

eyes.

Russ was



The toughest man in the Southeast, Russ "Dirk" Stevens (right), laying a beating on his first victim.

circling the ring with his hands up in celebration. The crowd was cheering and I had the terrible feeling that they were not cheering for me, but cheering for what I had become, a victim of pain. My lip was pulsating to the beat of my heart and I could taste the bitterness of defeat in the form of bloody saliva.

The experience has left me feeling content with my boxing experiment. I was once a champion; that feeling, as well as the minor fame that I awarded, cannot be taken away. The feelings of pain, soreness, and the cloudiness that came with it, I wouldn't wish upon my worst enemy.

much larger building.

"That's is fantastic!" Said Tish Griffin, "This wonderful for the students...to be able to do performances, and readings, and...the possibilities with such a space are unlimited...and the space this will open up...like having the Regents meeting in the Library, there was just no space we had to hold such a function. This changes so much. It's great!...we really needed this, This will be a huge impact on this campus..."

Since those classrooms were proposed, and subsequently cut, UAS has grown beyond the need it had identified way back in 1987, with the original proposal for these classrooms. Ever since those classrooms were cut the school has scrambled to provide adequate space for the growing student body. Dean Bruce Gifford commented, "Sixteen classrooms are needed! But also we need that 160 seat auditorium, because we don't have a space like this, and really we do need it. If we need to have a hundred people in one place... we're shot, you know...we can't host that many, we generally end up in the church, we end up over in Chapel By The Lake...imagine if this went through we'd have a beautiful student-quad in the center of campus—a crossroads of life and activity."

The talk around the capitol Saturday night seemed to indicate the controversy over how, or even whether or not, to fund Alaska's education needs was been on a roller-coaster-ride of proposal and counter-proposal, between House and Senate, as the legislative session ran down to the wire. On behalf of UAS, thanks to the Juneau delagation of Rep. Beth Kerttula, Rep. Bill Hudson, Senators Kim Elton, and Al Adams, and Reps Eldon Mulder, and John Davies. Your work was honorable, and graciously valued. Thank you all.

Ask Dr. Love

For he knows all about romance

Dear Dr. Love

A really cute guy asked me for my e-mail address. Is a telephone old fashioned?

Welcome to the year 2000 where communication has never been easier. A telephone is not old fashioned, not yet at least. I hope you gave him your e-mail address. It's just another way of getting to know a person. It could have been worse; he could have invited you to have virtual sex on-line.

Dear Dr. Love

How long should you wait before you sleep with someone.

You should wait until you feel right about it. Don't let anyone pressure you into having sex. It is your body and you call the shots. Just remember what you learned during National Condom Week.

Dear Dr. Love

My ex-girlfriend keeps calling wanting to get back together. This upsets my new girl friend. What can I tell her so she'll quit calling?

Tell her your no longer interested in her. You may try hooking her up with someone.

Dear Dr. Love

Is "Big Daddy Luv" in retirement? Can I still qualify for a night of romance or has he hung up his big shoes?

No, he has been busy studying but he is now back in the hunt. Yes there is still time to qualify for one of his love sessions. "Big Daddy Luv" is going to be around until August when he goes to Italy to represent the United States in the International Sex Olympics. GO ROB!

Dear Dr. Love

What is the easiest STD to contract?

Is that really the question you should be asking, or do you have a little itchy scratchy party down below? Herpes is most common STD to contract in the U.S., but in Thailand 1 in 4 people between the age 15 and 40 have HIV. Stay safe and wrap the weasel or have your partner wrap it, whatever is more fun.



Congratulations Joe Parnell for becoming a UAS 2000 graduate, we are all so proud. You will bring an array of emotions with your departure; some will be sad, most will be happy, like Clive Thomas. We hope you enjoy your status as alumni, and that you will be around to let people puff-paint free t-shirts.

What do you do to survive finals week?



David -- "I can't say that in the paper!"



Kristy -- "I don't think that I am going to survive finals this semester!"

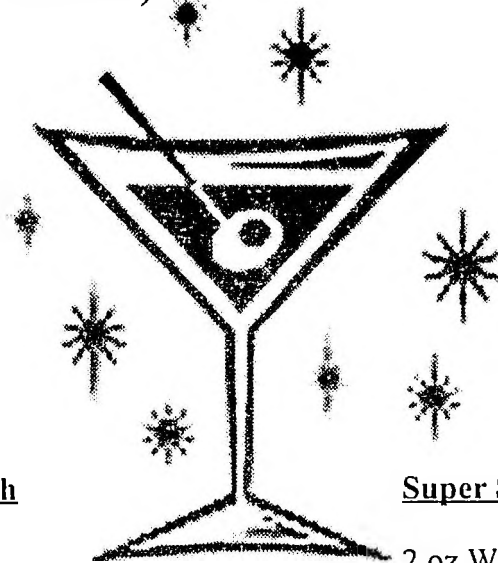


Traci -- "Just knowing this will be the last time that I have to take finals keeps me going."



BJ-- "I drink lots of barley supplements."

The Whalesong staff would like to share with you some of our secret mixes that helped us cope with all the drama this semester. Many hours of research, in many bars and residences, with lots of drunken, volunteer guinea pigs made these drinks possible. We hope that this list may come in handy during your time off from school (if you're 21 or older).



The Blue Pugh

2 oz Vodka
2 oz Blue Curacao
1 1/2 oz Pineapple Juice
Shake & Strain

After Production

2 oz Vodka
1 oz Crème de banane
Top with Orange Juice

Before Production

1 fifth of Whiskey
2 cases of Bush Light
Shoot & Chug

Failed Deadline

1 oz Everclear
1 oz Light Rum
2 oz Vodka
2 oz Lemonade
Shake & Strain

Whalin Whaler

3 oz Jamaican Rum
2 oz Everclear
1 oz Gin
2 oz Kool-Aid (any flavor)

Super Spike

2 oz Whiskey
2 oz Gin
1 oz Oyster Sauce

Easley Shot

1/2 oz Blackberry Brandy
1/2 oz Triple Sec

Holv Commoli

1 oz Tequila
1 oz Gin
1 oz Vodka
1 oz Scotch
1 oz Light Rum
1 oz Cognac
2 oz Everclear
4 oz Sweet & Sour
Shake & Strain into very tall glass

Adios UAS

1 oz Kahlua
1 oz Tequila
Layer in shot glass

Finals BrainBlaster

18 Kegstands of Alaskan Amber anywhere at UAS Housing.